

18. (Unchanged) The method as set forth in Claim 17 wherein the service provisioning file further comprises a stale code generated by the wireless network, the stale code indicating a time at which the service provisioning file was transmitted to the first mobile station.

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19. (Unchanged) The method as set forth in Claim 18 further comprising the step of transmitting the stale code back to the wireless network.

20. (Unchanged) The method as set forth in Claim 16 further comprising the step of deleting the service provisioning file from a memory in the mobile station at an end of the service provisioning process.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-20 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 have been amended.

Claims 1-20 remain in the application. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the Applicants' following arguments is respectfully requested.

In Section 1 of the February 20, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner noted that the drawing corrections filed on December 9, 2002 have been approved. This being the case, the Applicants are

submitting formal drawings herewith.

In Sections 2 and 3 of the February 20, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,223,028 to *Chang et al.* (hereafter, simply "*Chang*"). In Sections 4 and 5 of the February 20, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 10, 16, 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over the *Chang* reference in view of United States Patent No. 5,819,177 to *Vucetic et al.* (hereafter, simply "*Vucetic*"). In Section 6 of the February 20, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 13-15, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the *Chang* and *Vucetic* references in view of United States Patent No. 6,314,282 to *Weber et al.* (hereafter, simply "*Weber*").

However, in Section 7 of the February 20, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner agreed with the Applicants' arguments, submitted in the Applicants' Reply filed on December 9, 2002, that the *Chang* reference does not teach an automated provisioning process such as the one disclosed in the present application. However, the Examiner asserted that the language of the claims does not specifically point out the exclusion of further human interaction in the process. The Examiner also asserted that the claims do not even specify that the provisioning process is automated.

In response to the Examiner's comments in Section 7 of the February 20, 2003 Office Actions, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention. The Applicants respectfully

submit that the amendments to Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 make those claims allowable in view of the Examiners' comments in Section 7 of the February 20, 2003 Office Action.

Finally, dependent Claims 2-5, dependent Claims 7-10, dependent Claims 12-15, and dependent Claims 17-20 depend from Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16, respectively, and contain all of the unique and novel limitations recited in Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16. This being the case, Claims 2-5, Claims 7-10, dependent Claims 12-15, and dependent Claims 17-20 are patentable over the *Chang*, *Vucetic*, and *Weber* references.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims and that this Application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at ***jmockler@davismunck.com***.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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